

In His Hands

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (Romans 8:14-15 NKJV)

My daily Bible reading has taken me into the book of Revelation and that can certainly be a fearful place to go. The future for this world doesn't look all that good. At times evil seems to be triumphing over good and society as a whole appears to be on a downhill slide. But I must remember that Jesus Christ, the Warrior King is coming back. Maybe He will come today and maybe tomorrow, but He is coming nevertheless. The scripture above reminds me that although I have in the past been in bondage to many things, one of the most imposing emotions has been fear. Fear of today and fear of tomorrow and even fear of a past that sometimes comes back to haunt me, have all held me prisoner. According to Gods Word I need not live like that anymore.

There is a frightening chain of events that unfolds in dramatic succession in the Revelation of Jesus Christ to the aged apostle John;***As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the scroll. Then I heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked up and saw a white horse standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win many battles and gain the victory. When the Lamb broke the second seal, I heard the second living being say, "Come!" Then another horse appeared, a red one. Its rider was given a mighty sword and the authority to take peace from the earth. And there was war and slaughter everywhere. When the Lamb broke the third seal, I heard the third living being say, "Come!" I looked up and saw a black horse, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, "A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day's pay. And don't waste the olive oil and wine." When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, "Come!" I looked up and saw a horse whose color was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals. (Revelation 6:1-8 NLT)*** ***"Then everyone--the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy, the powerful, and every slave and free person--all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb." (Revelation 6:15-16 NLT)***

But while the majority of mankind was looking for a place to hide to no avail, there were some who were protected

And I saw another angel coming up from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted to those four angels, who had been given power to harm land and sea, "Wait! Don't harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of His servants." (Revelation 7:2-3 NLT)

We were never intended for this world and so it is normal to feel out of place and somewhat fearful at times. Listen to this quote from CS Lewis; "The Christian Way - The Christian says, Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such thing as a water. Men feel sexual desire: well there is such a thing as sex. **If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.**"

We can and we must learn from today's experiences that our Father will always have our back so we need not be afraid of anyone or anything, in this lifetime or in the next. Instead we must learn trust our Father like a child trusts his dad.

"Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, (2 Corinthians 1:9-10 NKJV)

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